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SUBJECT: LI PENG'S TRIP TO EUROPE AND NEW YORK --
A PLUS FOR CHINA (AND FOR LI)

1. [REDACTED]
2. SUMMARY: CHINESE PREMIER LI PENG'S LONG-PLANNED WINTER VISIT TO EUROPE WILL NOW BE SUPPLEMENTED BY A TRIP TO NEW YORK FOR THE BRITISH-SPONSORED WASC HEADS OF GOVERNMENT MEETING. THE ADDITION OF THE NEW YORK MEETING -- AND POSSIBLE BILATERALS THERE -- TO A SCHEDULE THAT NOW INCLUDES SWITZERLAND, ITALY, PORTUGAL, SPAIN AND (PERHAPS) MALTA, WILL, FOR CHINA, MARK A FURTHER (AND IN CHINA'S VIEW NEARLY-COMPLETE) MOVING AWAY FROM THE SHADOW OF TIANANMEN AND THE SUBSEQUENT INTERNATIONAL ISOLATION.

SUMMARY

3. ACCORDING TO DIPLOMATIC COLLEAGUES HERE, LI PENG'S JANUARY FEBRUARY TRIP TO EUROPE (AND NOW NEW YORK) IS SHAPING UP AS FOLLOWS -- JANUARY 25-27 IN ROME, JANUARY 27-29 IN BERN, JANUARY 30 IN DAVOS TO DELIVER A SPEECH, JANUARY 31 IN NEW YORK FOR THE SPECIAL UN SECURITY COUNCIL HEADS OF GOVERNMENT

MEETING, FEBRUARY 1 EITHER IN VALETTA OR IN NEW YORK FOR BILATERALS, FEBRUARY 2-4 IN LISBON AND FEBRUARY 4-6 IN MADRID. THE SCHEDULE IS NOT PUBLIC YET AND

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MAY BE SUBJECT TO ALTERATION, IN PART BECAUSE OF CHANGES BROUGHT BY THE U.K. INVITATION TO THE WASC SPECIAL SESSION.

6. COMMENT: THE EUROPEAN TRIP WAS CLEARLY SEEN BY THE CHINESE AS A NEAR-FINAL STEP IN CHINA'S MOVEMENT

AWAY FROM THE SHADOW OF TIANANMEN AND RELATED WESTERN OPPOBRIUM. LI'S ATTENDANCE AT THE NEW YORK MEETING WILL REINFORCE THIS PERCEPTION.

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